Elementary Education System

2008. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state·

(a) whether inadequate infrastructure, lack of trained teachers and teachers' absenteeism are major problems that plague Government Elementary Education System;

(b) whether additional funding to mitigate these problems has been allocated; and

(c) the other arrangements proposed to manage the schooling system effectively and ensure the efficient use of education cess proceeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI). (a) The stated problems do exist.

(b) Yes, Sir

(c) State Governments are expected to streamline management of Elementary Schools mainly through decentralization, accountability to the community, and community-based monitoring. Proposal to levy Education Cess is still under Parliament's consideration.

Quota for poor kids in public schools

2009. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are likely to bring legislation for fixing quota for poor kids in public schools especially in Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Directorate of Education, Delhi has issued instructions/guidelines to all the recognized unaided schools to admit 20 per cent students of weaker sections, in pursuance of a recent direction of Hon'ble Delhi High Court. A Copy of the instruction is given in the statement